

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****In re Application of:**

Mitsuo Kimura

**Application No.:** Unassigned**Filed:** Herewith**For:** METHOD FOR NOTIFYING  
STATE OF PRINTING PROCESSING,  
INFORMATION PROCESSING  
DEVICE, AND INFORMATION  
PROCESSING PROGRAM**Examiner:** Unassigned**Art Unit:** Unassigned**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.56,  
§1.97 and §1.98**

April 15, 2004

Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

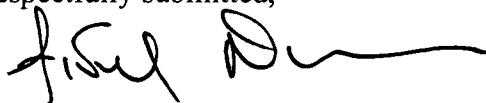
In compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97 and §1.98, the reference cited on the attached form PTO/SB/08A is being called to the attention of the Examiner. If applicable, a readily available translation of the reference's Abstract is also provided. It is respectfully requested that the cited reference be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the reference be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

As provided for by 37 CFR 1.97(g) and (h), no inference should be made that the information and the reference cited is prior art merely because it is in this statement and no

representation is being made that a search has been conducted or that this statement encompasses all the possible relevant information.

Applicants believe that no fee is required for submission of this statement, since it is being submitted prior to the first Office Action. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fee from the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 502456. Please deduct any additional fees from, or credit any overpayment to, the above-noted Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



Fidel D. Nwamu  
Reg. No. 46,294

CANON U.S.A., INC.  
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DIVISION  
3300 North First Street  
San Jose, CA 95134

Tel: (408) 468-2000  
Tel: (408) 468-2514  
Fax: (408) 468-2509

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO		<b>Complete if Known</b>	
<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b> <i>(Use as many sheets as necessary)</i>		Application Number	
		Filing Date	
		First Named Inventor	Mitsuo Kimura
		Art Unit	
		Examiner Name	
Sheet	1	of	1
		Attorney Docket Number	CFA00075US

## **U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

## **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENT					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> Number <sup>4</sup> Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)			T <sup>6</sup>
/A.S./	1	JP 2000-284937	10-13-2000	Miura Kiyotak	
					✓

Examiner Signature	/Akwasi Sarpong/	Date Considered	12/10/2007
-----------------------	------------------	--------------------	------------

**\*EXAMINER:** Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. **SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.**

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.